

FOURTH OF JULY.

How the Glorious Day was Celebrated.

Sailboats—Musical—Regatta—Literary Exercises—Field Sports—Rifle Practice—Ball, Etc.

The greater part of the evening and night of the 3d of July resounded in the firing of pistols and guns and the letting-off fireworks of different kinds, and the morning of the Fourth was heralded by similar demonstrations, and a salute of thirteen guns from the shore battery. At an early hour the population was astir, and holiday attire was the rule among those who could afford it.

THE REGATTA.

The sailing and yacht regattas were the first sports on the programme, and the wharves at 7:45 were crowded with people.

At 8 a.m. the tugboat Elen left her wharf with the committee, to which had been committed the management of the regatta, and proceeded out to the harbor entrance.

Soon afterwards the six-oared gig race began by two boats starting simultaneously from the starting line and maintaining a close contest for several hundred yards. Finally the Alice M. forged ahead of the Liliuokalani and maintained the lead until the finish, when the Alice M. won by about twenty boat lengths. Time of the boats: Alice M. 25 min.; Liliuokalani 25 min. 25 sec.

The next was a six-oared gig race in which four boats started—the three warships Alert, Espiegle and Pico-Mayo, and also a boat, the Kapiolani, manned by a native crew. The Kapiolani, which was a native boat, gradually increased its lead until about 200 yards ahead of the American boat which was second. Until the home stretch was more than half done, there was a close contest between the American and English boats, but finally the Englishmen fell astern, and the Americans steadily forged ahead. The English boat was far astern. In going out of the harbor the English boat fouled the American boat which had commenced to gain on the Englishman, and between the two latter the race was well contested throughout. To and around the bell buoy, and up to the light-house on the home stretch the Englishman gradually forged ahead of the American, and came in second. Following is the time taken by each boat: Kapiolani, the native boat, 29 min. 10 sec.; Alert, the American boat, 31 min. 30 sec.; Pico-Mayo, the English boat, 31 min. 30 sec.; Espiegle, the English boat, 31 min. 30 sec.

The yacht race began at 9:35 a.m. with a beautiful flying start was made. Five yachts over five tons register went off almost together, and spinners were set during the run out of the harbor.

BALLOON ASCENSION.

At the time of the start, Melville's balloon shot up from the slopes of Punchbowl hill, and very quickly reached an altitude of nearly 2,400 feet. The ascension was like a speck clinging to a rope below the balloon; but before many minutes elapsed, the huge inflated bag was noticed to be descending rapidly. There was no parachute jump, and the balloon reached the ground in the neighborhood of Kakaia.

By this time the five yachts had reached the harbor entrance, and the large quantity of sail that they spread gave a fascinating appearance to these aquatic races. They kept well together as far as could be seen from the P. M. Co.'s wharf, and were closely followed by the steam tug Elen, from the deck of which were their movements were more easily observed. The names of the five yachts were Heanani, Spray, Hawaii, Helene, and Kahlilihi. These all started; but at the latter, the Kahlilihi, did not finish. At the stake boat, opposite the Hon. W. C. Lewis's residence, the following was the order in rounding: Hawaii 1st, Spray 2d, Heanani 3d, Helene 4th, Kahlilihi 5th. At the Pearl Harbor stake boat the order was Hawaii 1st, Helene 2d, Heanani 3d, Spray 4th. At the harbor entrance the order was: Heanani 1st, Helene 2d, Hawaii 3d, Spray 4th. The time taken by the yachts was: Hawaii 4 hrs. 8 min. 32 sec.; Spray 4 hrs. 14 min. 16 sec.; Helene 4 hrs. 14 min. 30 sec.; Hawaii 4 hrs. 16 min. 4 sec.

SECOND CLASS YACHT RACE.

At 10 a.m. eight small yachts, under 5 tons register, started in the wake of the five larger ones that left the harbor half an hour ago. The spread of canvas was even larger in proportion than on the larger vessels, and the speed of these smaller craft appeared to be equally rapid. They all kept close together in rounding the reef, which operation was done in very bad style. The names of these yachts were: Edith L., Kahlilihi, Laura, Laura, Laura, Laura, Laura, Laura. The time taken by the yachts was as follows: Edith L. 3 hrs. 49 sec.; Kahlilihi 3 hrs. 50 sec.; Laura 3 hrs. 51 sec.; Laura 3 hrs. 52 sec.; Laura 3 hrs. 53 sec.; Laura 3 hrs. 54 sec.; Laura 3 hrs. 55 sec.; Laura 3 hrs. 56 sec.

THE LITERARY EXERCISES.

At 10:15 a.m. the audience at the Opera House being not more than half filled, owing to attractions in other parts of the city, but those who were there were well repaid. Betzer's band opened the exercises with a melody of national airs. Praver was then offered by Rev. George Walker. His Excellency George W. Merrill, American Minister Resident, made a few introductory remarks, appropriate to the day and the occasion. This was the fifth time he has presided on similar occasions, the first having been in 1885.

After the singing of the opening hymn, Mr. A. V. read the Declaration of Independence, in a clear voice, accompanied by the choir and audience singing "My Country, 'tis of Thee." Mr. Merrill then introduced Rev. E. G. Porter of Lexington, Mass., as the orator of the day, stating that the name was

one that bore honorable mention in American history.

MR. PORTER'S ADDRESS.

Mr. chairman, fellow-countrymen, ladies and gentlemen: When the invitation of your committee reached me a few days ago, I was on the coast of Hawaii, returning from a trip to the Volcano. My first thought was to decline the honor, as my time was wholly occupied in studying these islands, but on reaching Honolulu I was assured that I could meet the requirements of the occasion by giving such thoughts concerning our country as might readily occur to me as a traveler. With this understanding I have accepted the position, feeling that my refusal would be a poor return for the many acts of kindness extended to me during my visit.

We are assembled to commemorate an event in our history which is dear to every American heart—an event to which "the glorious Fourth" has been consecrated as the chief festival in our political calendar. Whoever has spent his boyhood in the States will recall the thrill of excitement with which the great holiday has always been ushered in. I confess I was hardly expecting to find in any foreign country such a demonstration as we had here tonight, and this morning. The sharp and familiar explosions around your houses, revealing the presence of youthful patriots, with unabated zeal, the salute of thirteen guns from the shore battery at sunrise, the display of the national colors on so many private houses, on the shipping in the harbor, and even on the tramcars and carriage buses in the streets, and here in this large Opera House we have the inspiring strains of national music and choral song to aid us in worthily celebrating the day. You have also made generous provision for aquatic and field sports which are sure to be in order at this time.

We are nominally commemorating the achievements of our country's Independence in 1776, the official declaration of which has just been read. We shall never forget the men who signed that immortal document, nor the results that flowed from it. The nation can never outgrow its early history. It will never be ashamed of its birth.

But the present year is suggestive of other events, and we need not dwell now upon the independence which the fathers secured for us, nor even the later conflict upon the question of political union which Webster argued with such eloquence in the Senate, and which President Lincoln maintained when he called the nation to arms. Those great issues are settled—we hope forever—and we can turn our thoughts the more willingly to themes relating to the development of our country in various directions.

The speaker then referred to the recent celebration in New York, commemorating the inauguration of the first President under the Constitution; to the Victorian era which covers a little more than half of the entire century of our national existence; to the stability of American political institutions, and to the fact that not a country in Europe is now so firm and prosperous as the American Republic; which was owing in a large measure to the general diffusion of knowledge, which made the people ruling power. He spoke of the wide distribution of property in America, compared with other countries; to the magnificent gifts of charity for public libraries, technical schools, colleges and universities, now amounting to millions annually. Our foreign relations were reformed too, and the respect shown by not only European nations, but by those of Asia, China, Japan, Korea, Siam, Hawaii, etc.

We are obliged by want of space to abridge this report of a most eloquent address, and give merely an outline of it. The exercises closed with singing two verses of the national hymn, "Star Spangled Banner," followed by the band, which had assisted in the music throughout.

At noon a national salute of forty-two guns—one for each State now in the American Union—was fired from the shore battery.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

At 1 p.m. the athletic sports began at Makiki, where a very large concourse of spectators gathered to view the foot races, jumps, etc. About 3,000 persons were present on the ground, including those in the grandstand and in carriages and on horseback. The prizes were awarded as follows: Fifty yard race, won by George Rosa, first prize \$10; second prize \$5 won by W. K. Kaas. One hundred yard race, won by Wm. Kaas, first prize \$10; second prize \$5 George Rosa. One hundred and fifty yard race, won by Wm. Kaas, first prize \$10; second prize \$5 Geo. Rosa. Sack race, won by Edwin, first prize \$10. J. Pahi, second, \$5. Long jump, won by Luahiva, first prize \$10; Kina, second, \$5. Three standing jump, won by Kina, first prize \$10; L. Luahiva, second, \$5. The greased pig was won and kept by a native boy whose name we did not learn.

The baseball match began at 3:30 p.m., and ended about the usual hour. There was some hitch regarding the scores, and we understood that the umpire would not decide until to-day. The grounds were most unusually crowded, and the thousands that were present could not be guessed with anything like an approximation.

RECEPTION AT THE LEGATION. His Excellency Geo. W. Merrill and Mrs. Merrill received their friends at the Legation 2 till 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon. During the entire afternoon the rooms were crowded, and many expressed their regrets that they were soon to leave and return to their country, to give place to new representatives of the great Republic. It is not certain how soon Mr. Merrill's successor will arrive, as he had not been named at the latest advices from Washington.

THE BALL AT THE HOTEL, and at the Arion hall, were both well attended and success met both events.

Indeed the festivities Thursday, including the rifle tournament at the range, were much more extensive in Honolulu than on any previous Fourth of July; and especially was this the case in regard to the regatta in the morning when thirteen beautiful yachts competed for the prizes and honors of the day.

A horse and buggy dashed furiously down Alaieka street on Wednesday afternoon; and, swinging around the left hand corner of Queen street, the vehicle struck against a post and became demoralized. There was no occupant in the buggy; but the horse continued his gallop along Queen street and dragged one wheel and part of the vehicle after him. He soon afterwards went into obscurity.

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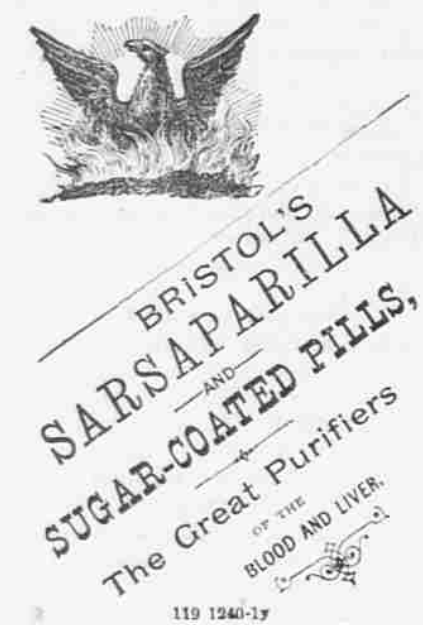
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